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National Consumer Protection Week 2003—Information Security

The Arizona Attorney General's Office has joined a group of federal and state organizations to help promote the fifth annual National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW), February 2-8, 2003. This year's theme, "Information Security: Putting the Pieces Together," focuses on practical steps consumers can take to manage their personal and sensitive information wisely and help minimize misuse.

Focusing on the theme of information security, the Attorney General's Office is encouraging individuals to protect themselves by shredding documents that contain sensitive information. Documents, such as bank statements and common utility bills, can easily provide a stranger with enough information to steal your identity and take advantage of your good name.

The Attorney General's Office will be conducting presentations on consumer issues throughout the State during NCPW. Attorney General Terry Goddard will discuss the role of his Office in protecting consumers during NCPW. If you have sensitive or confidential documents that you wish to dispose of securely, you are encouraged to bring them with you to the following locations:

- February 3, 2003 at Olive Branch Senior Center, 10765 W. Peoria Avenue, Sun City at 10:45 a.m.
- February 4, 2003 at the North Phoenix Baptist Church, 5757 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix at 10:00 a.m. during "Super Senior Value Days"
- February 5, 2003 at Mesa Senior Center East, 7550 E. Adobe Road, Mesa at 10:30 a.m.
- February 6, 2003 at the Salvation Army Laura Danieli Activity Center, 613 N. 4th Avenue, Phoenix at 10:30 a.m.
- February 7, 2003 at the Green Valley Coordinating Council, Inc., Green Valley Mall, 101-14B S. La Canada Drive, Green Valley at 11:00 a.m.

Organizers of this years NCPW are the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators (NACAA), the National Consumers League (NCL), AARP, the Better Business Bureau (BBB), the Consumer Federation of America (CFA), the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), and the Federal Consumer Information Center (FCIC).

For more information on National Consumer Protection Week events, please contact Dana Browning in the Attorney General's Office, Elder Affairs Program at 602-542-2079.